IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 8, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MASON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 445.]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of Ferdinand Coxe, late secretary of the United States legation at Rio de Janeiro, praying compensation for diplomatic services, have had the same under consideration, and now report :

That, during the first session of the thirty-third Congress, a bill for the relief of the petitioner was reported to the Senate by this committee, together with a report, briefly setting forth the grounds upon which the claim rested and recommending its passage ; upon a re-examination of the case, the committee, concurring entirely in the views therein presented, re-adopt the same, and report back the same bill and recommend that it pass.

IN THE SENATE, *July* 28, 1854.

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of Ferdinand Coxe, late secretary of the United States legation at Rio de Janeiro, praying compensation for diplomatic services, have had the same under consideration, and now report :

That it appears from a letter of the Secretary of State, dated 9th February, 1854, in answer to inquiries made by the Hon. Thomas H. Bayly, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, that from the 12th of May to the 16th of August, 1853, during the absence of the minister, Mr. Schenck, on a special mission to Buenos Ayres, Mr. Coxe was, by authority of the department, charged with the duties of the legation, was recognized by the Brazilian government as chargé d'affaires *ad interim*, and in that character rendered such services to the interests of the United States as entitled him, in the estimation of the department, to suitable compensation.

The committee, believing that the claim for the compensation of a chargé d'affaires during the period he acted in that capacity, by the authority of the Department of State, is reasonable, report a bill in his favor, and recommend its passage.